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ON THE MOUNT

MATTHEW 5-7

# TWO GATES

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## A. The Narrow Gate

**“Too often the impression is given that to be a Christian is after all very little different from being a non-Christian, that you must not think of Christianity as a narrow life, but as something most attractive and wonderful and exciting, and that you come**

**in with the crowds. It is not so according to our Lord. The gospel of Jesus Christ is too honest to invite anybody in that way. It does not try to persuade us that it is something very easy, and that it is only later on that we shall begin to discover it is hard.**

**The gospel of Jesus Christ  
openly and uncompromisingly  
announces itself as being  
something which starts with a  
narrow entrance, a strait gate.”**

**~ Martyn Lloyd-Jones  
*The Sermon on the Mount*, pg. 479**

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**“The first-century biographer Plutarch said, “Medicine, to produce health, has to examine disease; and music, to create harmony, must investigate discord.” So the prerequisite work of God in grace is an examination of guilt. God, the surgeon of**

**our souls, cuts deep into our natural pride to convict us of the reality of our guilt. The desirability of God's forgiveness can grow *only* as the deniability of our own sinfulness shrinks...The modern trend (the wide gate!) suggests that our feeling of**

**guilt is due to our “inner child”  
not being affirmed enough  
when our entire body was less  
than four feet tall...Even when  
we own up to our actual guilt,  
we usually attempt to shift  
attention to our woundedness  
and away from our**

**waywardness...How stunning then, to read how King David prayed: “For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great (Psalm 25:11).”**

**~ John Ensor**

***The Great Work of the Gospel - How We Experience God’s Grace, pgs. 31-33***

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**“...for I did not shrink back from declaring the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers,**

**to care for the church of  
God, which he obtained with  
his own blood. I know that  
after my departure fierce  
wolves will come in among  
you, not sparing the flock;  
and from**

**among your own selves will  
arise men speaking twisted  
things, to draw away  
disciples after them.  
Therefore, be alert...”**

**~ Acts 20:27-31**

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# B. The Narrow Way





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C. The Destination of the  
Narrow Gate and  
Narrow Way

